

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 192

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Wes Moore and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga women's basketball team upon winning the 2007 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) women's basketball team, the "Lady Mocs," which achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2006-2007 season by winning its sixth Southern Conference Tournament Championship in seven years and its eleventh tournament title since 1984; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Wes Moore, the UTC Lady Mocs beat the Western Carolina Lady Catamounts by a score of 84-66 in the championship game to earn the Southern Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, UTC's single-season scoring leader, Alex Anderson, was named Tournament Most Valuable Player and was also selected as the Southern Conference Player of the Year, becoming only the third person in league history to win both awards during the same season; and

WHEREAS, joining teammate Alex Anderson on the All-Southern Conference All-Tournament First Team was Brooke Hand and fellow Lady Moc Laura Hall was named to the Second Team; and

WHEREAS, finishing their season with an very impressive overall record of 25-8, the UTC women's basketball team posted a Southern Conference record of 15 wins and 3 losses,

compiling yet another tremendous chapter in the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga women's basketball dynasty; and

WHEREAS, a team with uncommon dedication and motivation, this year's UTC Lady Mocs are: Emily Houts, Tagan Hatchett, Courtney Atkinson, Laura Hall, Brooke Hand, Amy Mohr, Jenaya Wade-Fray, Ashley Huff, Kristen Spann, Alex Anderson, Erin Ogan, Shanara Hollinquest; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the tremendous advantage of the outstanding basketball knowledge and experience of Head Coach Wes Moore, the Lady Mocs also enjoyed the expertise of Assistant Coaches Nikki Blassingame, Becky Myatt, and Mike Murray, and Student Assistant Coach Nicole Mattison; and

WHEREAS, the UTC Lady Mocs were also aided in their efforts by their Team Managers, Megan Maples and Courtney Berg, along with their Athletic Trainer, Misty DePriest; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary members of the UTC women's basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga women's basketball team for winning the 2007 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the athletes of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaches, and staff of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga women's basketball team upon winning the 2007 Southern

Conference Basketball Tournament, commend them upon a successful basketball season, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.